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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, NP

SUBJ: AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

1. DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS PROVIDED US DETAILS OF  
ACCIDENT JANUARY 30 INVOLVING RNAC BELL 206 JET RANGER  
HELICOPTER (REGISTRY 9N-ABE). AIRCRAFT WAS APPROACHING  
EVEREST VIEW HOTEL AT SYANGBOCHE (ELEVATION 12,750 FEET)  
WHEN PILOT LOST DIREFLIONAL CONTROL ON LANDING APPROACH.  
AIRCRAFT FELL APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET AND WAS DESTROYED ON  
IMPACT. PILOT AND THREE PASSENGERS ESCAPED WITH MINOR TO  
ERIOUS INJURIES, NO FATALITIES.

2. ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT 0550 GMT (1130 A.M. LOCAL) IN CLEAR  
WEATHER WITH LITTLE WIND. INITIAL INVESTIGATION INDICATES  
THERE WAS NO MECHANICAL FAILURE, ALTHOUGH FINAL DETERMINATION  
OF CAUSE AWAITS DETAILED INVESTIGATION BY RNAC AND CIVIL  
AVIATION AUTHORITIES. EYEWITNESSES SAY HELICOPTER BEGAN  
TO SPIN, AS THOUGH IT HAD LOST TAIL ROTOR, BUT OTHER RNAC  
PILOTS NOTE THAT CRAFT COULD HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN UNUSUAL  
VORTEX LANDING AT HIGH ALTITUDES IN MOUNTAINOUS REGION NEAR  
EVEREST. CIVIL AVIATION STATES THAT PARTICIPATION IN CRASH  
INVESTIGATION BY BELL EXPERTS IS NOT NECESSARY, BUTH THEY  
WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO BELL ON SIMILAR  
ACCIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING TAIL ROTOR OVER-  
PITCHING AT ALTITUDE. CARGO

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